

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Forest Department – Allegation of Corruption- Demand and acceptance of bribe by Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha, formerly Senior Assistant, O/o. the Divisional Forest Officer (T), Eluru Division, West Godavari District - Trapped on 30.01.2014 - Sanction of Prosecution - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC. IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No: 81

Dated: 03-08 -2016

ORDER:-

Whereas, Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha, W/o. Tella Moshe Kumar, while working as Senior Assistant, O/o. The Divisional Forest Officer (T), Eluru Division, West Godavari District from 24.06.2013 to 30.01.2014 and by virtue of the post held by her, she falls under the category of Public Servant as defined under Section 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. And whereas, Sri Kamparam Subba Rao, S/o. Naga Narasimha Rao is a resident of Galaigudem (V), Denduluru Mandal, West Godavari District.

3. And whereas, it is alleged that Sri Kamparam Subba Rao is a farmer and he possessed a tractor bearing No.AP 37 TB 3371/3372. On 03.11.2013, Sri Kamparam Subba Rao got the Tamarind tree cut, situated in the agricultural fields of his father-in-law Sri Ambati Lakshmana Rao and while carrying the same in his tractor to Jangareddygudem with an intention to get the same boiled/used in the barn, at about 4.00 AM he was intercepted by the Forest Officials at the check post situated at cross roads of Borrapalem check post. When they questioned him for permit he replied that he was not having any permit. Then the forest officials informed him that they would put up the file to the Divisional Forest Officer for imposing penalty. Then Sri Kamparam Subba Rao got certificate from the Grampanchayat and submitted the same along with pattadar passbook to the Forest Range Officer, Sri Veerannaraju at Eluru. Then the Forest Beat Officer, Tadikakapudi recorded the statements of Sri Kamparam Subba Rao and of the driver of the tractor, prepared the Panchanama and sent the same to the Range Office. On 11.11.2013, another tractor bearing No.AP37 Y 4698/8164 of Sri Pujari Srinivasa Rao was seized by Forest Officials in which wooden sticks were being carried for miscellaneous fuel. The case record of Sri Pujari Srinivas Rao was sent to the Divisional Forest Officer along with the case record of Sri Kamparam Subba Rao during the month of December, 2013, for further action. Thereafter Sri Kamparam Subba Rao and Sri Pujari Srinivasa Rao kept meeting Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha to enquire about the disposal of above cases. At that juncture Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha demanded a bribe of Rs.5,000/- for each case, in total Rs.10,000/- to get their case files prepared and forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer and to see that the tractors are released. Despite their request, Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha neither forwarded the file to the Divisional Forest Officer nor allowed them to meet him. On 28.01.2014, when Sri Kamparam Subba Rao met Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha at her office and expressed his inability to pay such huge amount as bribe, she reduced the bribe amount to Rs.5,000/- for both the tractors. Having no other option, he agreed to give the said amount. But, as he was not willing to pay the bribe amount, he submitted a report to the Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Eluru on 28.01.2014, who on the instructions of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Eluru Conducted discrete enquiry. After following due procedure, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Eluru registered the said report as a case in Cr.No.02/RCT-EWG/2014 on 30.01.2014 and submitted FIR to the concerned and made arrangements for laying the trap.

4. And whereas, having completed the pre trap proceedings the trap party left to the vicinity of the office of Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha, where she was successfully trapped when she further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- from Sri Kamparam Subba Rao and held in her left hand fist. When the Deputy Superintendent of Police organized the chemical test on the right hand fingers, it yielded negative result. Then the Deputy Superintendent of Police asked

her to place the amount found in her left fist on the table and they subjected the fingers of left hand to chemical test, they yielded positive result. In pursuance of information furnished by Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha, the above tainted amount of Rs.5,000/- was recovered. When compared, the serial numbers of the recovered currency notes were found tallied with those of the serial numbers of the currency notes handed over by Sri Kamparam Subba Rao during pre-trap proceedings. The Deputy Superintendent of Police seized the tainted amount, samples of chemicals, resultant solutions, relevant records and prepared rough sketch of the scene of offence. He also examined the witnesses and recorded their statements. The Deputy Superintendent of Police also conducted field verification and prepared panchanama at Tadikalapudi Central Nursery where the tractors were kept.

5. And whereas, Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha, who was served with a Notice calling her explanation with regard to the allegations leveled against her in Cr.No. 02/RCT-EWG/2014, offered her explanation, which is not satisfactory in the light of the facts and evidences collecting during the course of investigation.

6. And whereas, the above said acts of Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha, Worked as Senior Assistant, O/o. The Divisional Forest Officer (T), Eluru Division, West Godavari District constitute offences under section 7, 13(1)(d) read with section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

7. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad being the competent authority to remove Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha, Worked as Senior Assistant, O/o. The Divisional Forest Officer (T), Eluru Division, West Godavari District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. FIR, Mediators Reports, statements of witnesses, made up files, field verification report, explanation of Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha, final report of Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau etc.,) placed before them in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of the case consider that Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha, Worked as Senior Assistant, O/o. The Divisional Forest Officer (T), Eluru Division, West Godavari District should be prosecuted in a court of law.

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of the Sub-Section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 the Government hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Smt. Juvvanapudi Sujatha, Worked as Senior Assistant, O/o. the Divisional Forest Officer (T), Eluru Division, West Godavari District for the above said offences punishable under section 7 and 13(1)(d) read with section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
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